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In re application of:

Ally *et al.*

Appl. No. 09/741,735

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For: **Apparatus and Method for Drying
Solutions Containing
Macromolecules**

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Amendment And Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Attn: Examiner Lu

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated **November 20, 2002**, Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks. This Amendment is provided in the following format:

- (A) A clean version of replacement claim 41 along with clear instructions for entry; and
- (B) Starting on a separate page, a marked-up version entitled: "Version with markings to show changes made."

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R.